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PART VI.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

Shanbhogs' Conference.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ—

Letter dated 7th September 1917, from Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Esq., C.I.E., President, Shanbhogs' Conference, Bangalore, submitting for favourable consideration a copy of the Resolutions passed at the Conference which met on the 30th and the 31st August and 1st and 2nd September 1917, at Gavipuram. (Printed as an accompaniment.)

2. Letter No. D. Dis. 787—Gl., dated 28th January 1918, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, furnishing his opinion in regard to each of these resolutions.

ORDER No. R. 760-809—L. R. 217-174, DATED 10TH JULY 1918.

Government have carefully considered the various proposals put forward and are pleased to order as follows:—

1. With regard to the revision of the potgi (Resolution I), Government observe that the question deserves consideration and separate orders will issue in due course after further investigation.

As regards the suggested change in the form of address (Resolution II), Government agree that not only shanbhogs but also patels as heads of villages should be addressed by subordinate officers of other than the Revenue Department drawing salary of less than Rs. 50 by means of yadis and not hukums.

With reference to Resolution III, the attention of all Revenue Officers may be drawn to Rules 9 and 10 of the Village Officers Regulation, which require that explanation should invariably be obtained and recorded before any punishment is given, and strict compliance with these rules may be insisted upon.

The resolution of the Conference (No. IV) that at least one of the village servants should be deputed for work under the Shanbhog, is approved, subject to the condition that this does not clash with the performance of the other duties of these functionaries. In case of dispute, the Amildar may issue such orders as may be necessary in the interests of public work.

As regards Resolution V, Government find no necessity to amend the existing rule according to which there should be one officiator for each circle. If in any individual case, it works hardship, the remedy lies in amalgamating 2 or 3 small firkas. Each case will have however to be considered on its merits and no general rule can be passed.

The Revenue Commissioner is requested to submit proposals for suitably increasing stationery allowance to Shanbhogs (Resolution VI). In this connection the question of simplifying and reducing the number of the village accounts and supplying printed forms may be considered.

As regards the seventh and last resolution, Government are aware that Shanbhogs are sometimes needlessly summoned to the Taluk Cutcherry, or detained longer than necessary. If the Amildar and Shekdars take full advantage of the opportunity afforded by their tours to examine the village accounts on the spot, the occasions for summoning Shanbhogs to the Taluk Cutcherry would be very few. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to fix in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners, the occasions on which the Shanbhogs' attendance at the Taluk Cutcherry would be absolutely necessary. Endeavours should be made to send them back as quickly as possible. In any case they should not be detained longer than three days at a time.

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Revenue Department.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Esq., C.I.E.,
President, Shanbhogs' Conference, Bangalore.
The other Heads of Departments.

MYSORE PROVINCIAL SHANBHOGS' CONFERENCE.

(Second Year.)

Resolution. No. I—That Government be requested to revise the Potgi as follows:—

6 per cent on the 1st 1,000 Rupees,
5 per cent on the 2nd 1,000 Rupees,
4 per cent on the 3rd 1,000 Repees,
3 per cent on the 4th 1,000 Rupees,
2 per cent on the 5th 1,000 Rupees, and upwards on the *gross* revenue of the village.

The above remuneration to cover all the items of work devolving on the Shanbhog.

Resolution No. II.—That subordinate taluk officers in all the Departments be directed to address the Shanbhogs by *Yadi* and not *Hukum*.

Resolution No. III.—That Shanbhog should not be punished for unsatisfactory collection work where it is not his fault. According to the rules the collection work devolves on the Patel with whom Shanbhog should co-operate.

Resolution No. IV.—That Patels and village servants be directed to afford necessary assistance to the Shanbhogs in the performance of their duties. Where there is a Talari and a Toti, one of them to be deputed for duty with the Shanbhog.

Resolution No. V.—That the present rule that there should be one officiator for each circle causes hardship and should be altered so that a barawardar shanbhog may be in charge of more circles than one if he is capable of managing them.

Resolution No. VI—That the allowance for stationery be increased, the present scale having been fixed in 1898, as the prices of stationery articles have gone very high and the number of accounts to be rendered has been increased.

Resolution No. VII.—That the occasions and the period for which the Shanbhogs' attendance is required at the Taluk Cutcherry be prescribed and that for attendance on other extra occasions travelling allowance be granted to them.

Resolved.—That the above resolutions be submitted to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore over the signature of the President of this Conference.

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